

**HOUSE DEMOCRATIC CAUCUS
HOMELAND SECURITY TASK FORCE
THE BIOTERRORISM PROTECTION ACT (BioPAct) of 2001
A \$7.5 Billion Pact with America**

**Public Health Infrastructure and Response to Bioterrorism
\$3.5 billion**

**Improving Community Emergency Response Capacity and Preparedness
(\$1 billion)**

Increasing hospital capacity, educating medical personnel, increasing nursing and clinical lab personnel, and providing training to first responders.

Ensuring an Adequate Supply of Vaccines and Treatments for All Americans (\$1.4 billion)

Increasing the national stockpile of anthrax antibiotics, developing and acquiring additional doses of smallpox vaccines, researching and developing new vaccines and antibiotics, training and equipping health professionals to provide antibiotics and vaccines, and expediting FDA approval of new products.

**Enhancing Community Planning and Intergovernmental Coordination
(\$500 million)**

Providing planning grants to local communities and health care providers to develop emergency response plans that meet certain minimum federal guidelines, requiring states to submit medical response plans to the federal government, funding state trauma care systems, and strengthening intergovernmental coordination.

Enhancing Surveillance, Improving Communications, and Strengthening Technology Infrastructure (\$500 million)

Improving state and local surveillance, training health care personnel in the detection of illnesses related to biological attacks, upgrading laboratories, ensuring a 24-hour public health system is available to local providers, improving and expanding CDC surveillance capabilities, building local technology and communication systems, enhancing communications among agencies, and requiring state and federal agencies to share with first responders important information about the potential dangers of an emergency site.

**Protecting Our Food And Water
\$989 million**

Keeping Our Food Safe (\$725 million)

Protecting crops and livestock through increased surveillance and research, strengthening both

physical and information security at key agricultural facilities, increasing inspections of imported food shipments with additional inspectors, increasing the inspections of domestic production plants, coordinating and testing federal emergency response plans, and helping states track foodborne agents.

Keeping Our Water Supply Safe (\$264 million)

Reviewing emergency preparedness and vulnerabilities of water systems, providing resources to address deficiencies in security, developing improved monitoring systems to track water quality, improving security of information systems, improving security of water-bottling facilities, and implementing background checks for quality testers at treatment plants and bottling facilities.

Enhancing Law Enforcement's Ability to Protect the Nation \$1.2 billion

Providing the right tools to law enforcement agencies (\$565 million)

Expanding federal authority over biological agents and toxins; establishing new criminal offenses involving the possession and unsafe handling of biological agents; developing and deploying new screening hardware, software, computer infrastructure, and training to support biometric technology; creating new COPS grants to local communities for counter-terrorism training and equipment; giving grants to local governments for strategic planning and intergovernmental coordination related to terrorism preparedness and response; providing funds to eliminate the backlog of convicted offender DNA samples yet to be entered in the FBI database.

Securing Our Borders at Land and Sea (\$365 million)

Increasing the size of the United States Border Patrol Force and the number of INS and Customs Inspectors at ports of entry; implementing biometric scanning techniques at border checkpoints; funding development and deployment of scanning technology capable of detecting explosive devices, biological and chemical contaminants; mandating better INS tracking of visas and integrating visa monitoring with federal watch lists; providing Coast Guard with enhanced training and equipment.

Strengthening Our Intelligence Through Full Coordination \$1.1 billion

Improving Organization and Coordination of Intelligence Community (\$250 million)

Conducting a threat assessment to identify vulnerabilities and provide a basis for a national strategy for homeland security; removing barriers to efficient information sharing between intelligence collection and information use by law enforcement and first responders; conducting a public education campaign to alert Americans to the threat and appropriate responses for biological weapons.

Improving Intelligence Capabilities (\$850 million)

Deploying biological and chemical detectors for site analysis, continual surveillance of fixed sites, and improved identification of foreign biological agent possession; increasing language translation skills and improving usage of language resources across agencies; increasing human intelligence assets.

**The Military: Preparing, Responding & Assisting Communities
\$820 million****Initial Crisis Response and First Responder Support (\$420 million)**

Increasing military domestic crisis response teams, creating and training additional Civil Support Teams, and training and equipping military and civilian emergency responders with interoperable communications equipment.

Interagency Crisis and Consequence Management Exercises (\$100 million)

Implementing a uniform government-wide evaluation system to ensure proficiency and achievement of military domestic crisis response, increasing training of military personnel for response to weapons of mass destruction incidents, and increasing resources for military involvement in consequence and crisis management exercises.

Research and Development (\$100 million)

Accelerating technology development in chemical and biological research (prevention and treatment), advanced sensors, and other promising technologies.

Cooperative Threat Reduction (Nunn-Lugar) (\$80 million)

Securing the supply of biological and chemical weapons-grade material from the former Soviet Union, improving Russian and former Soviet Union border and export controls, and increasing support for the Material Protection, Control and Accounting Program.

Preventing and Defending against Proliferation to Terrorists of Biological and Chemical Weapons from Russia (\$120 million)

Increasing cooperation between the United States and Russia on bio-chemical counter-terrorism initiatives; supporting destruction of Russian chemical weapons; and pushing for a comprehensive multilateral Biological Weapons Convention regime.